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I. Introduction

1. At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 72/66, entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission", which reads as follows:

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Disarmament Commission,[1]

Recalling its resolutions 47/54 A of 9 December 1992, 47/54 G of 8 April 1993, 48/77 A of 16 December 1993, 49/77 A of 15 December 1994, 50/72 D of 12 December 1995, 51/47 B of 10 December 1996, 52/40 B of 9 December 1997, 53/79 A of 4 December 1998, 54/56 A of 1 December 1999, 55/35 C of 20 November 2000, 56/26 A of 29 November 2001, 57/95 of 22 November 2002, 58/67 of 8 December 2003, 59/105 of 3 December 2004, 60/91 of 8 December 2005, 61/98 of 6 December 2006, 62/54 of 5 December 2007, 63/83 of 2 December 2008, 64/65 of 2 December 2009, 65/86 of 8 December 2010, 66/60 of 2 December 2011, 67/71 of 3 December 2012, 68/63 of 5 December 2013, 69/77 of 2 December 2014, 70/68 of 7 December 2015 and 71/82 of 5 December 2016,

Considering the role that the Disarmament Commission has been called upon to play and the contribution that it should make in examining and submitting recommendations on various problems in the field of disarmament and in promoting the implementation of the relevant decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session,

Recalling in particular General Assembly resolution 45/62 B of 4 December 1990, in which it noted with satisfaction the adoption by consensus of a set of "Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission",[2] Assembly decision 52/492 of 8 September 1998 concerning the efficient functioning of the Commission and Assembly resolution 61/98, which contains additional measures for improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the Commission,

Reaffirming the mandate of the Disarmament Commission as the specialized, deliberative subsidiary body of the General Assembly that allows for in-depth deliberations on specific disarmament issues, leading to the submission of concrete recommendations on those issues, and recalling that the Commission shall make every effort to ensure that, insofar as possible, decisions on substantive issues be adopted by consensus, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[3]

Emphasizing once again the important place of the Disarmament Commission within the United Nations multilateral disarmament machinery,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Disarmament Commission;[1]

2. *Commends* the Disarmament Commission for the successful conclusion of its consideration of the item entitled "Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional weapons", and endorses the consensus text adopted thereon;[1]

3. *Notes with regret* that the Disarmament Commission was not able to reach a consensus on the item entitled "Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons";

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of further enhancing the dialogue and cooperation among the First Committee, the Disarmament Commission and the Conference on Disarmament;

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 42* (A/72/42).

[2] Resolution 44/119 C, annex.

[3] Resolution S-10/2.

5. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to continue its work in accordance with its mandate, as set forth in paragraph 118 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly,[3] and with paragraph 3 of Assembly resolution 37/78 H of 9 December 1982 and to that end to make every effort to achieve specific recommendations on the items on its agenda, taking into account the adopted "Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission";[2]

6. *Recommends* that the Disarmament Commission consider the following items at its substantive session of 2018:

(a) [To be determined];

(b) [To be determined];

7. *Encourages* the Disarmament Commission to invite, as appropriate, the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research to prepare background papers on the items on its agenda and, if need be, other disarmament experts to present their views, as provided for in paragraph 3 (e) of resolution 61/98, upon the invitation of the Chair and with the prior approval of the Commission;

8. *Requests* the Disarmament Commission to meet for a period not exceeding three weeks during 2018, namely from 2 to 20 April, and to submit a substantive report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session, and stresses that the report of the Commission should contain a summary by the Chair of the proceedings to reflect different views or positions if no agreement can be reached on the specific agenda item deliberated on, as provided for in paragraph 3.4 of the adopted "Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the Disarmament Commission";

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full provision to the Disarmament Commission and its subsidiary bodies of interpretation and translation facilities in the official languages and to assign, as a matter of priority, all the resources and services necessary, including verbatim records, to that end, and also requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Commission the annual report of the Conference on Disarmament on its 2017 session,[4] together with all the official records of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly relating to disarmament matters, and to render all assistance that the Commission may require for implementing the present resolution;

10. *Invites* Member States to submit their views and proposals on the matter early enough to enable practical consultations among them prior to the beginning of the substantive session of 2018 of the Disarmament Commission, with a view to facilitating its constructive outcome, and in this regard encourages the Chair-designate to commence consultations and preparations for the substantive session of 2018 in a timely manner upon his or her nomination;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session, under the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session", the sub-item entitled "Report of the Disarmament Commission".

II. Organization and work of the substantive session of 2018

2. The Disarmament Commission held its organizational session for 2018 at United Nations Headquarters at its 368th plenary meeting, on 21 February 2018 (see A/CN.10/PV.368). At that meeting, the Commission considered questions relating to the organization of work and substantive agenda items for its substantive session of 2018 in accordance with the "Ways and means to enhance the functioning of the

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-second Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/72/27).

Disarmament Commission" adopted by the General Assembly (resolution 44/119 C, annex) and in the light of Assembly resolution 72/66. The Commission also took up the question of the election of its officers, taking into account the principle of rotation of the position of Chair among the geographic regions. The Commission elected the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, Gillian Bird, as Chair for its 2018 session.

3. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2018 (A/CN.10/L.80/Rev.1). The agenda reads as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Organization of work.
4. Recommendations for achieving the objective of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons.
5. In accordance with the recommendations contained in the report of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-building Measures in Outer Space Activities (A/68/189), preparation of recommendations to promote the practical implementation of transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities with the goal of preventing an arms race in outer space.
6. Report of the Disarmament Commission to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session.
7. Other business.

4. At its 369th meeting, on 2 April 2018, the Commission took note of its schedule of meetings for the session (A/CN.10/2018/CRP.1).

5. The Commission met at United Nations Headquarters from 2 to 20 April 2018. In the course of its session, the Commission held six plenary meetings (see A/CN.10/PV.369–374). The Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, served as the secretariat of the Commission, and the Office for Disarmament Affairs represented the substantive secretariat.

6. During the 2018 session, the Bureau of the Commission was constituted as follows:

Chair:

Gillian **Bird** (Australia)

Vice-Chairs:

Representatives of Algeria, Bangladesh, Czech Republic, Egypt, Jamaica, Nepal and Ukraine

Rapporteur:

Diedre **Mills** (Jamaica)

7. At its 369th meeting, on 2 April 2018, the Commission elected Diedre Mills (Jamaica) as Chair of Working Group I, on agenda item 4, and Jeroen Cooreman (Belgium) as Chair of Working Group II, on agenda item 5.

8. At its 369th to 371st meetings, on 2 and 3 April, the Disarmament Commission held a general exchange of views on all agenda items (see A/CN.10/PV.369–371). Representatives of the following countries made statements during the general exchange of views: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa

Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Ghana, Honduras, India, Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned M vement), Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria (also on behalf of the African Group), Pakistan, Peru, Philippines (also on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Tunisia (on behalf of the Arab Group), Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

9. At its 369th meeting, the Commission heard a statement by the Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.

10. The Commission entrusted Working Group I with the mandate of dealing with agenda item 4. Working Group I held 10 meetings, from 4 to 19 April.

11. The Commission entrusted Working Group II with the mandate of dealing with agenda item 5. Working Group II held 10 meetings, from 3 to 18 April.

12. In accordance with the past practice of the Commission, some non-governmental organizations attended the plenary meetings.

III. Documentation

A. Documents submitted by the Secretary-General

13. The Commission had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the list of documents submitted by the Secretary-General to the Commission for its substantive session of 2018 (A/CN.10/212).

B. Other documents, including documents submitted by Member States

14. In the course of the Commission's work, the documents listed below, dealing with substantive questions, were submitted and considered:

(a) Working paper submitted by the Non-Aligned Movement (A/CN.10/2018/WG.I/CRP.1);

(b) Working paper submitted by Australia (A/CN.10/2018/WG.II/CRP.1);

(c) Working paper submitted by the Russian Federation (A/CN.10/2018/WG.II/CRP.2).

IV. Conclusions and recommendations

15. At its 373rd plenary meeting, on 20 April, the Disarmament Commission adopted ad referendum the reports of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. The Commission agreed to submit the texts of the reports, which are reproduced below, to the General Assembly.

16. At its 374th meeting, on 20 April, the Commission adopted, by consensus, the reports of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, as orally revised, to be presented to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session. The Commission expressed its

appreciation to the Chair, the Bureau members, the Chairs of the Working Groups and the Secretariat.

17. The report of Working Group I reads as follows:

[To be inserted]

18. The report of Working Group II reads as follows:

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